

THE POLICE CORPS WEEKLY

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Recruit Profile

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Sponsoring Agency: West Allis Police Department

Age: 22

Hometown: North Riverside, IL

College: Carthage College
Kenosha, WI

Major: Criminal Justice/
Sociology

Hobbies/Interests: Weight lifting, swimming, biking, camping, arts & crafts, movies, attending baseball games.



LEAD STORY HEADLINE BY: RECRUIT SALZMANN

On Thursday and Friday of this week, the recruits were exposed to more firearms training from Sgt. De Frang. Thursday night, the recruits learned the roll over prone position, high kneel position, double kneel position and low kneel position. All the recruits were excited to go to the indoor range and practice these newly acquired techniques. They all did a great job shooting and learned a little bit about their shooting habits and what they needed to improve on.

On Friday, the recruits had their first experience shooting at the outdoor range. After a short review, they were able to put their shooting to the test. Re-



Recruits practice firing their weapons at the outdoor range. Recruits Kunz (foreground) and Kastem pictured.

cruits were introduced to their first 100 percent accountability test and the combat course. The 100 percent accountability test requires all thirty rounds fired to strike the central nervous system and the

combat course incorporates various shooting positions. Both courses proved to be very difficult but very fun at the same time. The competition is tough but the teamwork remains in tact.

AGENCY PROFILE: DEFOREST, WISCONSIN POLICE DEPARTMENT BY: RECRUIT LANGE

Recruit Lange is currently sponsored by the Deforest Police Department. Deforest PD consists of a total of 12 sworn officers, 6 of which are assigned to patrol.

There is one Lieutenant, Sergeant, Detective, School Liaison Officer, and School Resource Officer, and the department is headed by Chief Robert Henze. Deforest has a



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VICTIMS AND EVIDENCE BY: RECRUIT KASTERN

Two things that police officers frequently work with are victims and evidence, therefore it is important to be properly trained in these areas. The cadets had their first taste of each during week four, when Sgt. Anibas from the Eau Claire Police Department taught the class valuable information that will undoubtedly be used by each cadet during their law enforcement career.

First of all, every crime is different, as is every victim, and it is essential to be able to listen to what the victim is saying and watch their body language in order to determine their needs and reasons for their behavior. Victims expect police to solve a crime, assure their safety, and al-

vise them of their role in the investigation process. The recruits were taught how to read body language and how to react to the varying behaviors of suffering people, particularly in death notifications. Additionally, the communication skills of the class have expanded through hands-on scenarios dealing with some extreme emotions.

During the evidence phase of the instruction, the class was taught the importance of DNA material and the wide range of items that it can be found on. Additionally, the class learned how to search for different types of evidence (blood, paint, hairs) and how to locate and strip fingerprints from crime scenes.



Sergeant Anibas demonstrates evidence collection to Recruit Cato.

There are numerous tools used in this process, including cameras and sketches to capture the essence of the scene itself. In the days to come, the recruits will be putting this information to work as they practice brushing and stripping fingerprints from various items. As they get into their communities, this training will most likely be called upon to put pieces of crimes together and solve cases.

*Where is DNA
Contained in the
Human Body?*

*DNA is contained in
blood, semen, skin cells,
tissue, organs, muscle,
brain cells, bone, teeth,
hair, saliva, mucus,
perspiration, fingernails,
urine, and feces.*

AGENCY PROFILE CONTINUED

population of approximately 8,000 citizens which the department is dedicated to serving through a community based policing philosophy.

The operations of the department are guided by their mission statement, principles and values. The mission statement is as follows; "We, the employees of the

Village of DeForest, believe that our primary mission is to maintain and enhance the quality of life for our citizens based on the rights granted by the Constitution. We see ourselves as an important resource in partnership with the community, a partnership continually reaching for high standards, dedicated to ensuring that the village is a premier mu-

nicipality." The seven principles and values that the department follows in pursuit of their mission are service, professionalism, cooperation, innovation, commitment, teamwork and trust.

REPORT WRITING; AN ESSENTIAL PART OF POLICING BY: RECRUIT KUNZ

On Monday and Tuesday of week four, the Police Corps recruits invested in another eight hours of Report Writing with the renowned Sgt. De Frang. The class briefly brushed up on what was taught in previous class sessions, such as paying close attention to detail, proper note taking techniques, and what key components are needed to write a good report. Sgt. De Frang then gave every recruit the opportunity to test his or her

newly acquired knowledge of report writing through simulated, real-life scenarios involving the response to a crime. Acting as the dispatcher, Sgt. De Frang called each recruit over the radio to a specific situation. Every recruit was to successfully arrive at the scene, interview the complainant, and listen empathically to whatever they said. Every recruit then took their observations and incorporated what they found into the process of writing their first

police report.

Every recruit realized that paying close attention to detail at a crime scene really makes writing a police report easier. Scenarios such as this will help the recruits to become better report writers. As Sgt. De Frang said, "The more reports you write, the better you will be at writing them." Through practice of writing ethical reports in good format, the recruits will all become good report writers.

*A good report is clear,
correct, complete, and
accurate.*

The First Four Weeks

